CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION TRANSMITTAL SHEET

We wish to inform of the intent to allocate up to \$37,070,248 in FY 2005 Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) program funds to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Obligations will be incurred by USAID for assistance authorized by Section 616 of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 for the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Threshold Program.

MCC's Threshold Program is designed for MCA candidate countries that are committed to undertaking the reforms necessary to improve their policy performance and potentially qualify as countries eligible for MCA Compact assistance.

Threshold Program assistance will be used to help fund Paraguay's ten specific initiatives aimed at attacking impunity and confronting informality. The attached summary outlines the Paraguay Threshold Program.

Members of MCC's staff are available to meet with you to discuss the planned program. If you or your staff would like to arrange a meeting, please contact Mackenzie Coon at (202) 521-3850. The attached notification is being sent to the Congress on February 16, 2006. Allocation and obligation of funds may be incurred fifteen days from the date of this notice.

Sincerely,

Frances C. McNaught Vice President Congressional and Public Affairs

Enclosure: As stated